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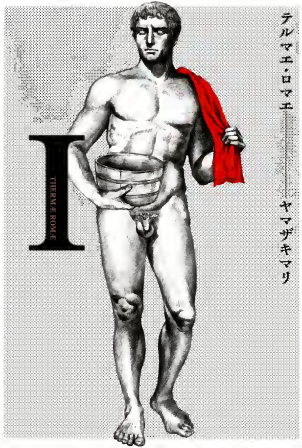

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古代ローマの設計技師（風呂限定）ルシウス、仕事熱心な彼は浴場のアイディアについて悩みまくり、ものあげく現代日本の銭湯にワープ!?（風呂限定）と往来できる体質になってしまったのだ!!好漢ルシウスの時空を超えた大冒険風呂限定）が始まった!!

ヤマザキマリ

古代ローマの男、現代日本の風呂へタイムスリップ!!

そこで目にした日本の風呂文化に驚愕した彼は…!?

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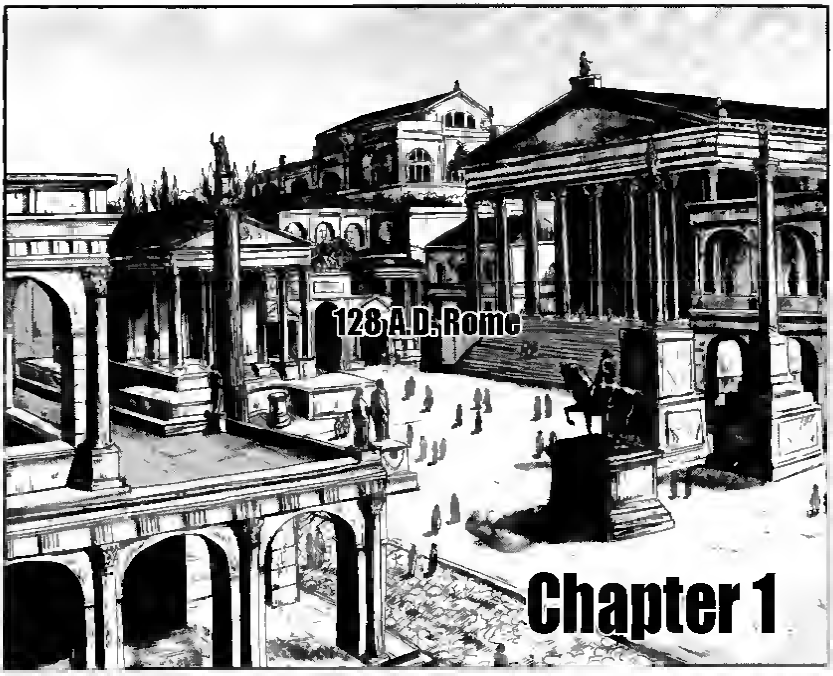
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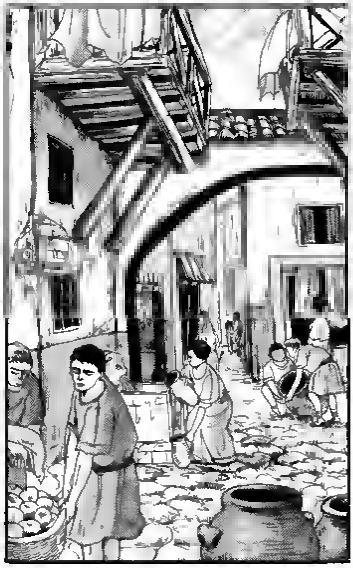


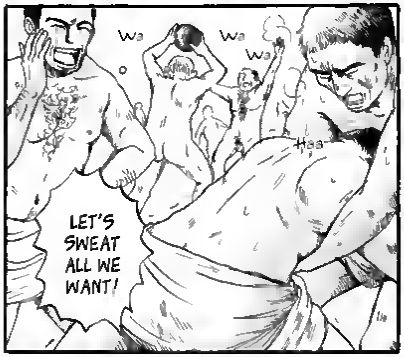
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SAYING THAT THIS DESIGN CAN'T BE USED!?

THA- THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD GO AGAINST THE TREND.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT WE SHOULD RECREATE THE GOOD OLD TIMES THAT WERE FORGOTTEN BY THE MODERN SOCIETY?
WH... WHAT!?
WASN'T THIS THE PUBLIC BATH-HOUSE THAT WAS POPULAR A FEW HUNDRED YEARS AGO?
I WILL GO STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. YOUR IDEA IS TOO OUT-DATED.
...THE MODERN ROME WANTS NOVELTY
TAKE A LOOK AT THE STREETS OF THE MODERN ROME!
EVER SINCE HADRIAN BECAME THE EMPEROR, MORE AND MORE BUILDINGS ARE BEING BUILT.
. WHAT YOU'VE SAID IS JUST YOUR PERSONAL OPINION. DO YOU THINK THAT THE PEOPLE OF ROME WILL SHARE THE SAME SENTIMENT AS YOU?
.....
IT'S NOT THAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'VE SAID. HOWEVER, OUR ARCHITECTURAL STUDIO IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN USE FOR YOUR HOBBY
THAT'S BECAUSE EVEN THE EMPEROR HIMSELF IS AN OUTSTANDING ARCHITECT WHO REBUILT THE ACROPOLIS OF GREECE
WE MIGHT LOSE OUR LIVES IF WE USE YOUR HALF-BAKED DESIGN TO BUILD SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T MATCH THE MODERN SOCIETY.
HA- HALF-BAKED DESIGNS!?

.....
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT... I'M JUST TRYING TO TELL YOU THAT I CAN'T USE YOUR DESIGN
I HAVE BEEN TO ATHENS TO ACQUIRE THE MOST ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL SKILLS. HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT MY DESIGNS ARE HALF-BAKED!?
WHAT A FOOLISH MAN!
DON'T EVER REGRET THAT YOU HAVE LOST A PERSON LIKE ME
バタン

IT'S TRUE THAT ROME WASN'T AS PROSPEROUS AS IT IS RIGHT NOW..
EIGHT HUNDRED YEARS SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE EMPIRE..
Hahaha
Hahaha
HOW FAR HAS THE BOUNDARY OF THE ROME EMPIRE EXTENDED TO?
WE CAN ALSO FIND A VARIETY OF PEOPLE ON THE STREET
THE STREET IS FILLED FOUR TO FIVE-STOREY HIGH-RISE AMALGAMATED DWELLINGS.
ISN'T THAT LUCIUS!?
OH?
THE MORE PROSPEROUS THE COUNTRY IS, THE MORE I FEEL THAT I DON'T HAVE A PLACE HERE ..

IT'S NOTHING... I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING...
ANYWAY, DO YOU WANT SOME GRILLED CHICKEN?
HAHA DID YOU QUARREL WITH YOUR WIFE AGAIN?
YO! WHAT'S WITH THAT DEPRESSED EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE?
I LOST MY JOB JUST NOW..
THE TRUTH IS...
..MARCUS..
NO MARCUS. I AM TOTALLY ABANDONED BY THE ARCHITEC-TURAL INDUSTRY!
THERE ARE MANY STUDIOS IN ROME NOW...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, ISN'T IT AL-RIGHT FOR YOU TO JUST GO TO SOME OTHER STUDIO?
OI OI OI, YOU'RE A CIVILIZED AND CULTURED MAN AND YET YOU'RE SAYING SUCH DESPAIRING WORDS!?
I'M THINKING AS I'M WALKING SHOULD I TAKE THIS CHANCE AND START A GRILLED CHICKEN SHOP INSTEAD..
AH THAT'S IT! LET'S GO TAKE A BATH. I'M SURE THAT YOU'LL FEEL REALLY REFRESHED AFTER THAT!
LISTEN, LUCIUS... DON'T FEEL SO DEPRESSED. I'M SURE THAT SOME OTHER PLACE WILL EMPLOY YOU!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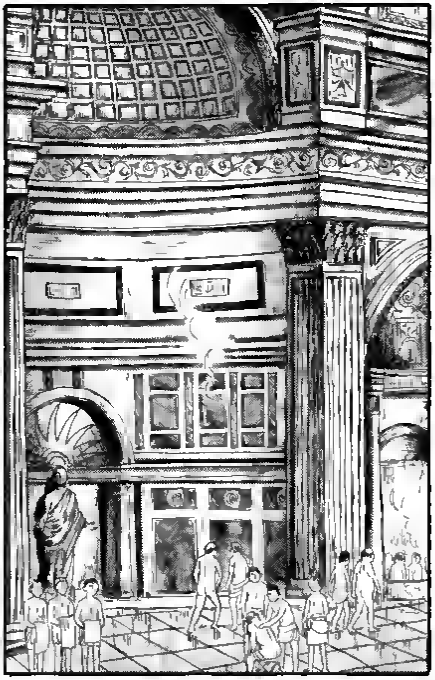
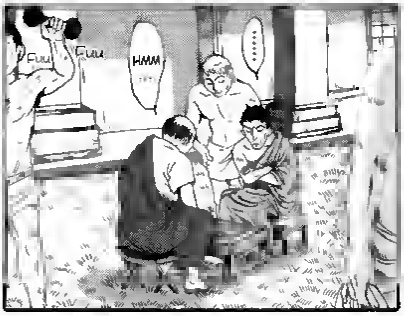
LET'S SWEAT ALL WE WANT!




Fuuu
Fuuu
HMM

MISTER, THAT'S QUITE A LOT OF DIRT BEING SCRUBBED OUT
HE!
Scrub
scrub
AH, RIGHT. SHOULD I DO SOME HAIR REMOVAL TODAY?
THIS BATHHOUSE IS NOISY NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I COME HERE
Les hair too —
HAIR REMOVAL !!
ANYONE WANTS SOME DES-SERTS?
DES-SERTS!
COMPLETE REMOVAL OF ALL ARMPIT HAIR!
SFX *DIP*
AH, OI! LUCIUS !?
.THE BATH IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE PLACE FOR ONE TO RELAX—
BE RIGHT THERE!!
HERE- HERE, HERE ! PLEASE HELP ME REMOVE MY HAIR
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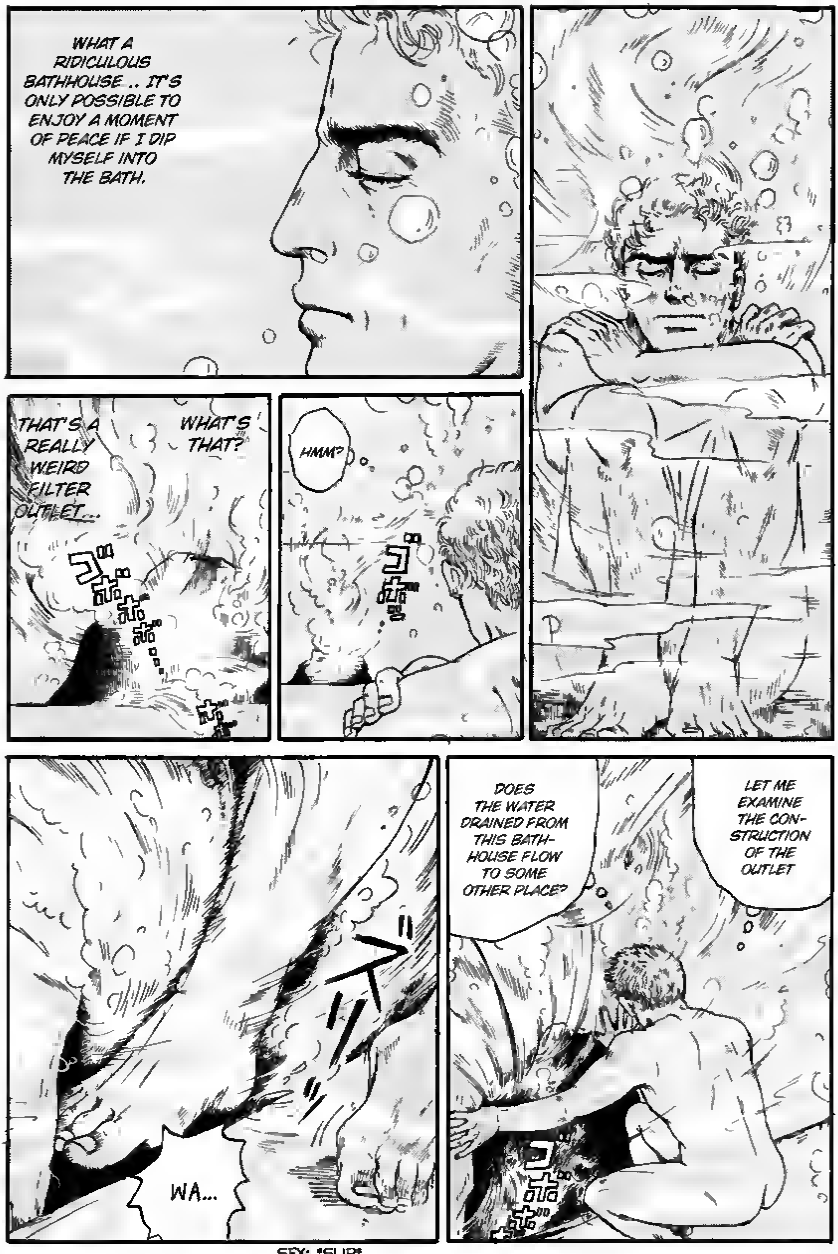
WHAT A RIDICULOUS BATHHOUSE .. IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE TO ENJOY A MOMENT OF PEACE IF I DIP MYSELF INTO THE BATH.
THAT'S A REALLY WEIRD FILTER OUTLET...
WHAT'S THAT?
HMM?
DOES THE WATER DRAINED FROM THIS BATH-HOUSE FLOW TO SOME OTHER PLACE?
LET ME EXAMINE THE CON-STRUCTION OF THE OUTLET
WA...

SFX: *SLIP*

WHAT'S THIS!? WHAT IS THIS SUCTION FORCE!?
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GUWAA !?
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SFX: GUUUHHHHH
Guhh
OUCH
I'M GOING TO PEEL-OFF THE WAX~~
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SFX: PEEL

SFX GROBOOOOOO
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WATER SUR-FACE!?
THE...
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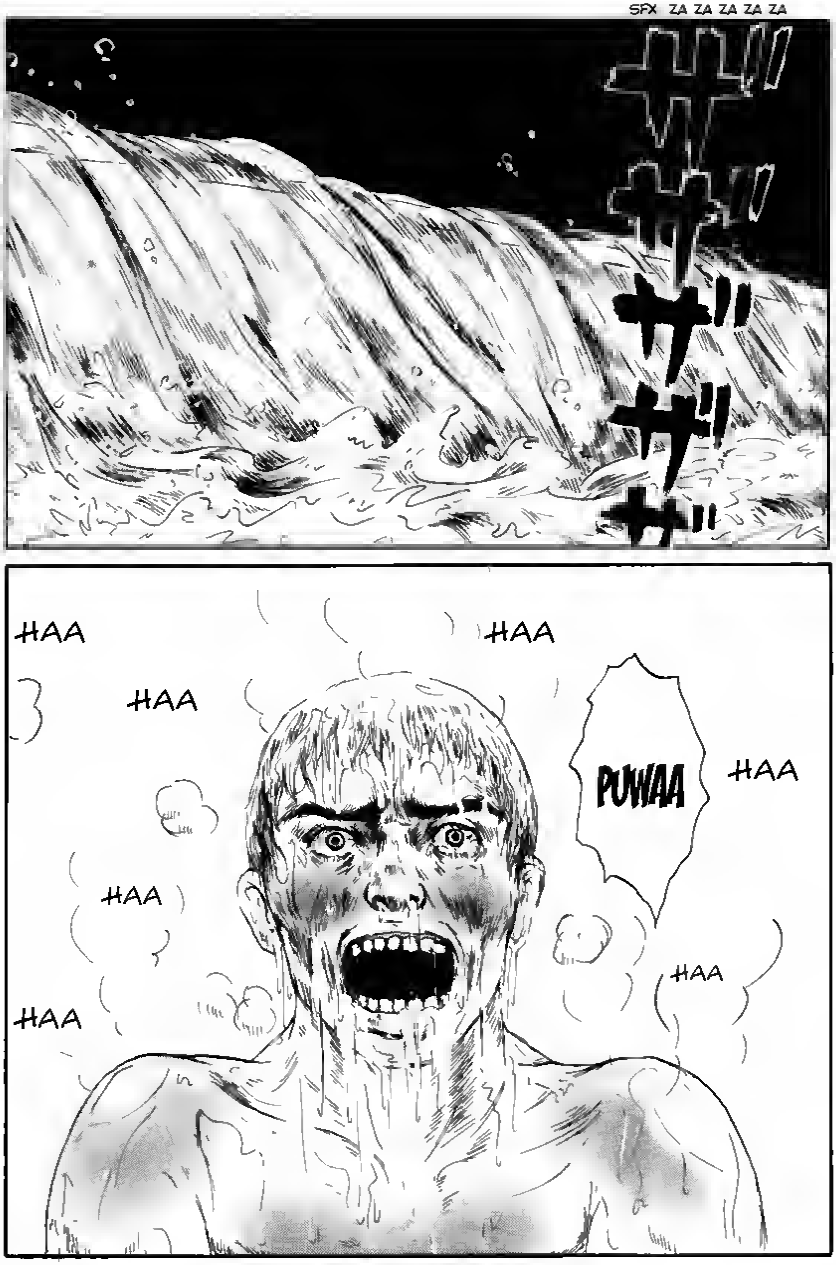
SFX ZAPAAA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ミカドモータ
カッゴォーン
YAMAGUCHI
BARBERSHOP
WH...

WHERE EXACTLY IS THIS PLACE!?
EEK
Turn
ISN'T THIS MT. VESUVIUS OF POMPEII !!
ISN'T THIS...
IS...
YOU, FOREIGNER-SAN.
HM... HMM...

.....
?
.....HAVE YOU BEEN SINKING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BATHTUB ALL THIS TIME?
I DIDN'T NOTICE IT AT ALL. ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I MUST HAVE ENTERED THIS PLACE BY CHANCE!
DID SOMEONE COME HERE WITH HIM?
...IT'S A LITTLE TROUBLESOME, SEEMS LIKE HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE SAYING
AHH, THAT'S IT!! THIS IS A PUBLIC BATHHOUSE THAT ONLY SLAVES CAN USE. IT'S CONNECTED TO THE PLACE I WAS IN EARLIER
THEY ARE NOT ROMANS ...
Their face is flat...
YOU MIGHT GET DIZZY IF YOU TAKE A LONG BATH. WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU LEAVE THE BATHTUB FOR A BIT?
I SEE..
THE WATER PUMPED OUT BY THE SYSTEM OF THE FILTER OUTLET MUST HAVE FLOWED INTO THIS PLACE THAT IS USED BY THOSE, FLAT-FACED
HMM, FOREIGNER-SAN

THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THOSE SLAVES CAN RELAX...
WELL, IT'S NOT WRONG FOR THEM TO MAKE THEIR POINT TO ME...
HE'S ASKING ME TO GO OUT BECAUSE THIS IS NOT A BATH-HOUSE FOR THE ROMANS?
OUT-SIDE
GO OUT
HEY
OUT-SIDE
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY HAVE THINGS THAT RESEMBLE THOSE WE HAVE IN THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED CIVILIZATIONS.
EVEN SO
IS JAPAN'S BATHHOUSE THAT UNUSUAL?
THIS WAS MADE USING A MATERIAL THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE
THE YELLOW COLOR IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL.

IS HE MOCKING AT THE FACT THAT THE WORLD-RENOWNED ROMANS DON'T EVEN HAVE THE SKILL TO MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS!?
.....
.....WHAT IS THIS FRIVOLOUS MAN TRYING TO TELL ME WITH THOSE SMILES ON HIS FACE...?
LET ME TRY TO ASK IF YOU CAN HAVE ONE AND TAKE IT BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY AS A SOUVENIR
Hahaha
MOCKING THE ROMANS EVEN THOUGH HE'S JUST A SLAVE....
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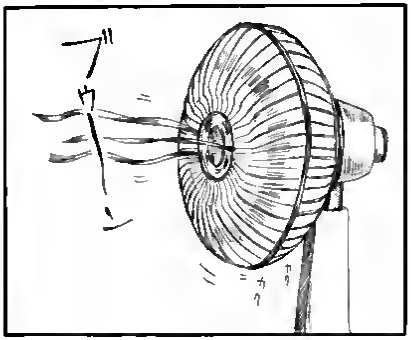
COME
I'VE KNOWN THE OWNER OF THIS PLACE SINCE I WAS YOUNG. I'M SURE THAT HE'LL BE GENEROUS TO GIVE ONE TO YOU!

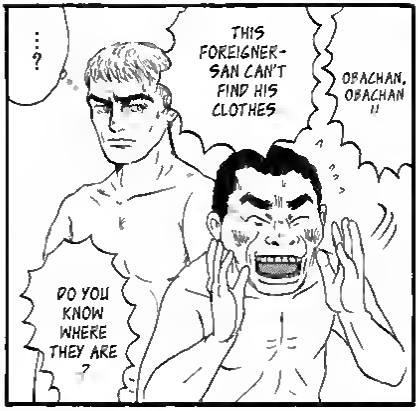


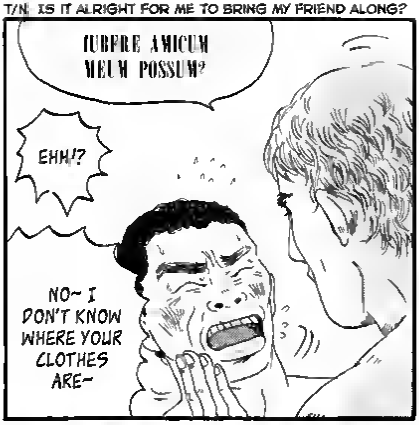
T/N: OLD LADY/MA'AM

STAR WARS
スターウォーズ
THE DRAWINGS ON THOSE EVENT NOTICES ARE PERFECT. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT PROFESSIONALS WITH SUCH SKILLS EXISTED...
SU... SUCH A LARGE PIECE OF MIRROR...!?
SUCH ADVANCED CIVILIZATION...
THIS SLAVE BATHHOUSE!
..WE CAN DEFINITELY MAKE USE OF
IT'S POSSIBLE TO DUPLICATE THIS THING WITH THE SKILLS THAT WE HAVE
OHH... CLOTHES ARE BE PUT INSIDE THIS BASKET, HUH...?
THESE SLAVES REALLY SURPRISE OTHERS...
HMM? WHAT'S WRONG, MISTER? DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR CLOTHES?
ROME IS SEEKING NOVELTY AND AREN'T THESE THINGS FITTING THE BILL PERFECTLY!!
I REALLY HOPE THAT I CAN TELL MARCUS ABOUT THIS IDEA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
THERE ARE ALSO A NICE MIRROR AND EVENT NOTICES PLACED AROUND THE CHANGING AREA...
THERE ARE ALSO WALL PAINTINGS OF MT. VESUVIUS AND THE BAY OF NAPLES IN THE TEPIDARIUM*.
ALTHOUGH THIS PLACE IS MUCH SIMPLER COMPARED TO THOSE BIG AND GRAND BATHHOUSES, IT HAS MUCH MORE FUNCTIONS...

T/N TEPIDARIUM WAS THE WARM (TEPIDUS) BATHROOM OF THE ROMAN BATHS.

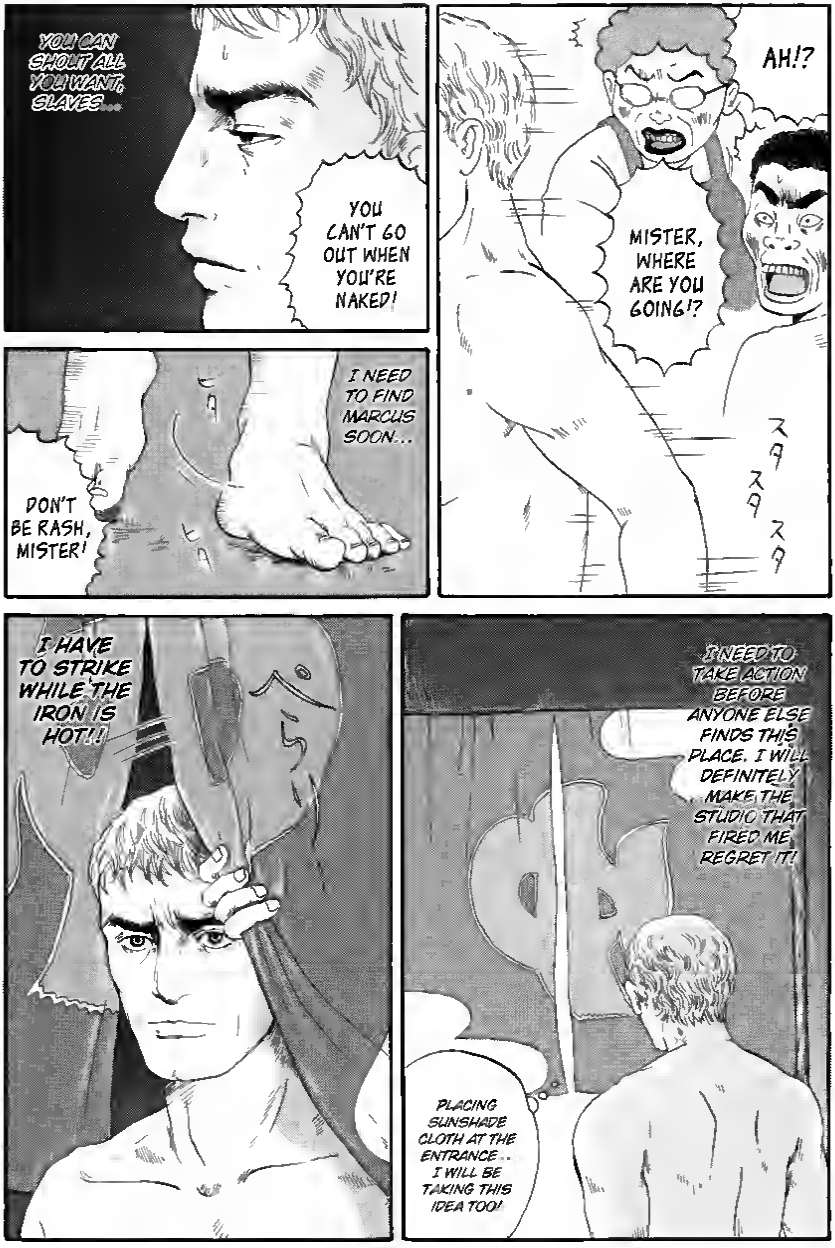
T/N: IS IT ALRIGHT FOR ME TO BRING MY FRIEND ALONG?





HOWEVER, SINCE THEY'RE PART OF ROME, IT'S THEIR DUTY TO KNOW AND ABIDE BY THE FACT THAT WE, THE ROMANS HAVE THE RIGHTS TO ASSIMILATE THEIR CULTURE INTO OUR OWN!
I CAN UNDERSTAND THE FEELING OF THOSE FLAT-FACED PEOPLE TO TREASURE THEIR BATHING CULTURE...

MAYBE, HE'S UPSET THAT THE STYLE OF THE BATH-HOUSE WILL BE COPIED...!?
HE BECAME SO TROUBLED AND NERVOUS EVEN THOUGH I'M MERELY ASKING IF I CAN BRING A FRIEND ALONG. SUCH FLUSTERED REACTION...
THAT'S INDEED TROUBLESOME I JUST CHANGED SHIFT WITH MY HUSBAND, SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR CLOTHES ARE~
MY HUSBAND HAS GONE TO PLAY PANCHINKO*
THIS IS TROU-BLING~


YOU CAN SHOUT ALL YOU WANT, SLAVES...
YOU CAN'T GO OUT WHEN YOU'RE NAKED!
AH!?
MISTER, WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
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I NEED TO FIND MARCUS SOON...
DON'T BE RASH, MISTER!
I HAVE TO STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT!!
I NEED TO TAKE ACTION BEFORE ANYONE ELSE FINDS THIS PLACE. I WILL DEFINITELY MAKE THE STUDIO THAT FIRED ME REGRET IT!
PLACING SUNSHADE CLOTH AT THE ENTRANCE... I WILL BE TAKING THIS IDEA TOO!

INDEED~ HAHA
NO MORE~
ブルルル…!
(株) 引池園芸
ブオオオオ
MISTER! I WON'T DO ANYTHING BAD TO YOU, SO HURRY UP AND GET INSIDE!!
LET'S TRY TO SEARCH HARDER FOR IT, ALRIGHT!?
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ブオオ
ビー

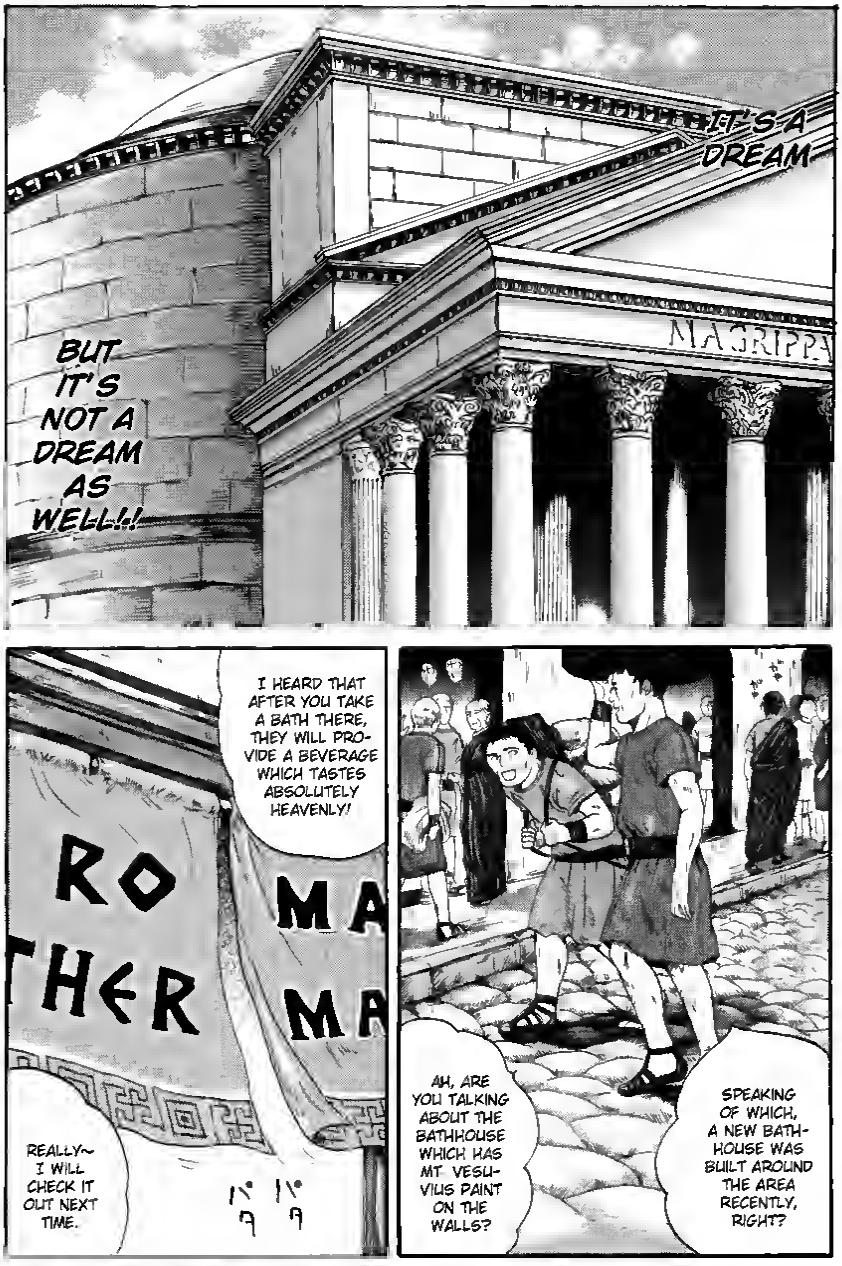
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE BREATHED IN SUCH AIR. I FEEL SICK AND I REALLY WANT TO THROW UP...
FOREIGNER-SAN IS FEELING UNWELL!
WHAT HAP-PENED?
UWAA! MISTER, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!!
オエッ
...SINCE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, THE PROBLEM MUST LIE WITH ME INSTEAD...
HE GOT DIZZY!
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE FOR ROME'S STREETS TO BE INVADED BY THESE FLAT-FACED TRIBES IN SUCH A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.
IS IT BE-CAUSE HIS CLOTHES GOT STOLEN!?
WHAT WRONG? WHAT'S WRONG?
IF I CAN'T RETURN FROM HERE ANY-MORE!?
WHAT EXACTLY SHOULD I DO...
MISTER, MISTER!!
I GUESS, THERE MUST BE SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS OTHER THAN HIS CLOTHES?
...LOOK AT HOW SAD HE IS I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM...

IT'S THE DRINK YOU MUST HAVE WHEN YOU COME TO A JAPANESE BATHHOUSE!
TAKE IT! DON'T STAND ON CEREMONY!
HERE
FRUIT-FLAVORED MILK!
SFX *GULP*
ごく、ごく、ごく、ごく、
IS THAT A BEVERAGE...
GAHHH! DELICIOUS!
THERE, MISTER'S SHARE! I'VE REMOVED THE CAP FOR YOU!
SINCE HE TASTED IT FOR POISON I GUESS, IT SHOULDN'T BE DANGEROUS, RIGHT ?
YOU WILL FEEL REALLY ENERGIZED AFTER YOU DRINK THIS!
THAT'S RIGHT... I SHOULD GET SOME WATER DOWN THIS THIRSTY THROAT...

IT'S ALSO COLD AND SWEET!
フルーツ
DELI-CIOUS!
I HOPE THAT YOU'LL FEEL BETTER AFTER DRINKING THIS!
AHH, THE SWEET-NESS THAT BRINGS ONE INTO A DREAMY STATE OF MIND...
EHH?
A GENTLE TASTE WHICH SEEPS INTO THE BODY
BECAME HOT AFTER BATHING IN THE BATH...
THE COOLNESS
RE-FRESHING
THE SNOW...
THIS FLAVOR... IT SEEMS LIKE THE JUICE OF THE TROPICAL FRUITS
MIXED
INTO THE MILK...
DOES THIS REALLY EXIST IN THIS WORLD?
LET'S OPEN ANOTHER BOTTLE IF YOU LIKE IT

HE CAME ROUND
OI!?
LUCIUS!
.....
EH? WHERE ARE THOSE FLAT-FACED SLAVES?
.....
LUCIUS, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
YOU WERE SINKING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BATHTUB FOR THE WHOLE TIME

IT'S JUST THAT...?
...DREAM?
HERE YOU GO
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DRINK SOME WATER AND CLEAR YOUR HEAD. YOU FAINTED DUE TO HYPEREMIA IN THE BRAIN!


IT'S A DREAM
BUT IT'S NOT A DREAM AS WELL!!
MAGRIPPA
I HEARD THAT AFTER YOU TAKE A BATH THERE, THEY WILL PROVIDE A BEVERAGE WHICH TASTES ABSOLUTELY HEAVENLY!
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THER
MA
REALLY~ I WILL CHECK IT OUT NEXT TIME.
AH, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE BATHHOUSE WHICH HAS MT. VESUVIUS PAINT ON THE WALLS?
SPEAKING OF WHICH, A NEW BATHHOUSE WAS BUILT AROUND THE AREA RECENTLY, RIGHT?

RVM
GRADIA
DIVM
AH I JUST WATCHED THIS COMEDY RECENTLY!
OH~~ THESE ARE THE EVENT NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK?
THOSE SERVANTS IN-CHARGE OF GUARDING THIS PLACE WILL KEEP A LOOKOUT FROM THE COUNTER. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
OH.. SO WE CAN JUST TAKE OFF OUR CLOTHES AND PUT THEM INSIDE THIS THING?
RVSIOS
MT. VESUVIUS AND THE BAY OF NAPLES... PINE TREES WILL DEFINITELY COME TO MIND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE BAY OF NAPLES
HOW REFINED~
It's Good
COMING! QUEUE UP, PLEASE QUEUE UP!!

ONE BOTTLE
WOW~~ THIS IS AMAZING, LUCIUS!! THE BUSINESS IS THRIVING REALLY WELL!!
HEY YOU, DON'T CUT IN THE LINE!
THIS BEVERAGE HAS FRUIT JUICE ADDED TO IT. IT'S LIMITED TO ONE PURCHASE PER PERSON!
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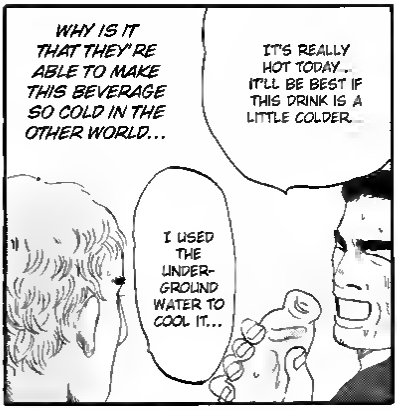
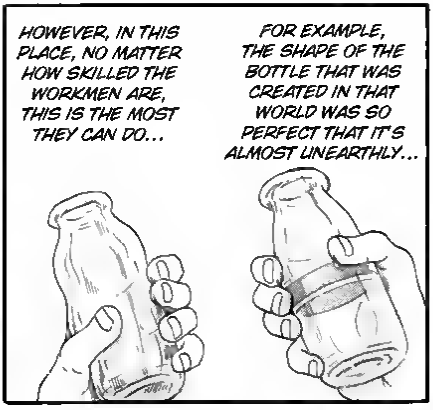
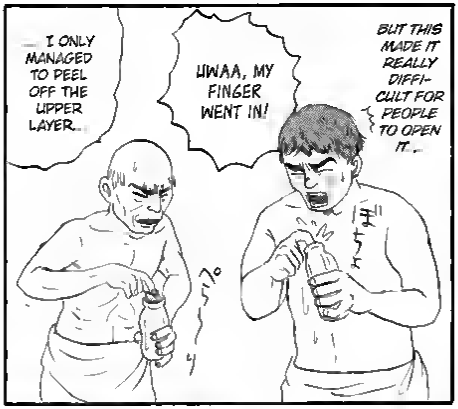
ガヤヤ
……
ALTHOUGH I FEEL BAD TOWARDS MARCUS, I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO RELATE THE WHOLE STORY TO HIM CLEARLY...
WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED? YOU WERE SO DEPRESSED WHEN YOU LOST YOUR JOB, BUT NOW, YOU'VE BECAME THE MOST POPULAR ARCHITECT IN ROME!
……
HAA~~
ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE ALSO MANY THINGS THAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND...
LUCIUS-SAMA! PLEASE TRANSFER ANOTHER COW OVER HERE, IF NOT, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND!


WHY IS IT THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO MAKE THIS BEVERAGE SO COLD IN THE OTHER WORLD...
IT'S REALLY HOT TODAY.. IT'LL BE BEST IF THIS DRINK IS A LITTLE COLDER...
I USED THE UNDER-GROUND WATER TO COOL IT...


HOWEVER, IN THIS PLACE, NO MATTER HOW SKILLED THE WORKMEN ARE, THIS IS THE MOST THEY CAN DO...
FOR EXAMPLE, THE SHAPE OF THE BOTTLE THAT WAS CREATED IN THAT WORLD WAS SO PERFECT THAT IT'S ALMOST UNEARTHLY...


...I ONLY MANAGED TO PEEL OFF THE UPPER LAYER...
UWAA, MY FINGER WENT IN!
BUT THIS MADE IT REALLY DIFFI-CULT FOR PEOPLE TO OPEN IT...

I'VE TRIED SEALING THE OPEN-ING OF THE BOTTLE TO PREVENT ANY SPILL-AGE, BUT...
USING TWO LAYERS OF PAPYRUS

THERE ARE STILL COUNT-LESS THINGS WE HAVE TO LEARN FROM THEM...
THE FLAT-FACED TRIBE IS SCARY.
POP...
POP...
AH, ABOUT THAT! LUCIUS, ABOUT THE BATH-HOUSE THAT YOU ALMOST GOT DROWNED IN...

AND OPENED THE CAP EASILY WITH A "POP!"...
AT THAT TIME, THAT FLAT-FACED MAN USED SOME KIND OF SMALL TOOL...
スッポン

?
.....
WHAT'S WRONG, LUCIUS?
THEY FOUND A BIG HOLE IN THE BATHTUB. I HEARD THAT THEY WILL BE KNOCKING IT DOWN AS THE HOLE MAY POST SOME DANGER!
OI
LUCIUS! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!!
I MUST AT LEAST TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW THIS "POP" WORKS!!

Rome & Bathhouses, my love

Ancient Romans were a group oe people that eollowed the sunrise to start their day oe work. At around 1 o clock in the afternoon, the Romans would all stop work eor the day and use the remaining time to eat their lunch, take aeternoon naps or spend their day in the public bathhouses. No matter how small-scale a discovered ancient Roman relic was, there would always be sites where bathtubs were placed. Hence, I was further reassured that the significance of baths to the Romans was just like how important public bathhouses were to the Japanese long ago. For the Romans, taking baths was also something that can t be missed out in their daily lives. Judging by the living costs of that era, the price oe entering a bathhouse was considered cheap. Anyone could enter it, as long as he or she was not extremely poor. By "anyone", I meant the slaves, commoners, the rich, and the emperor. Every one oe them would just enter the tub naked and deeenseless – a dream-like scenario portraying democracy. However, it was possible that someone high in the hierarchy like the emperor or the rich had bathrooms within their homes. Hence, these people might not have gone to the public bathhouses every day.

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Although I've said that there would still be rich men who made regular visits to those public bathhouses while bringing along slaves who were responsible eor doing dieeerent jobs in the bathhouse. There were many splendid public bathhouses around. Hence it was inevitable that the rich would feel like leaving the narrow baths in their homes and go to a more spacious place instead. Additionally, at times, they could also have some deserts, drink some beverages (for example, watered-down wine) while chatting with others and having a good time together.

Once people enter the public bathhouse, no matter how serious their conflicts were, they would still respect the naked body of others and recognize that everyone had the rights to release themselves.

A big bathhouse in Hadrian's Villa (Tivoli, Italy)

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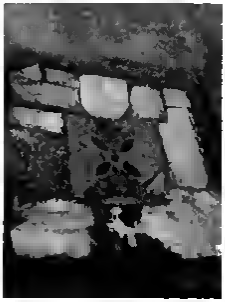
I ONCE WENT TO THE MIDDLE-EAST AND SAW THE HAMMAM (TURKEY'S PUBLIC BATHHOUSE) OF A CERTAIN CITY. THE HAMMAM IS A STEAM-BATH STYLE BATHHOUSE THAT WAS USED SINCE ANCIENT TIMES. AT A TIME LIKE THIS, WOMEN WHO WOULD NORMALLY WRAP THEMSELVES IN BLACK CLOTHING AND REVLAL ONLY THEIR EYES, WOULD TAKE OEE ALL THEIR CLOTHES AND GATHER IN THIS PLACE HAPPILY. I EEEL AS IE THE ANXIETY WITHIN ME WILL DISAPPLAR IN THAT VERY INSTANCE WHENEVER I RECALL OE THEIR HAPPY FACES.

PROBABLY, INTERACTING WITH EACH OTHER WHILE BEING SURROUNDED BY WARM WATER IS AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE OF HARMONY.

BY THE WAY, I'M CURRENTLY LIVING IN PORTUGAL AND THERE IS NO BATHTUB IN MY HOUSE. SINCE I WANTED TO HAVE A BATHTUB, I ENGAGED SOMEONE TO GIVE ME A QUOTATION EOR IT. HOWEVER, THAT PERSON ADVISED ME NOT TO INSTALL A BATHTUB AT HOME AS CHANCES ARE THAT THE ELOOR WILL FALL OEE IF I DO SO.

DESPITE SO, I CAN'T GIVE UP MY DREAM TO TAKE A BATH IN A BATHTUB. HENCE, I WENT TO THE 'HOME CENTER' TO BUY A PLASTIC BATHTUB THAT WAS MADE FOR CHILDREN AND PLACED IT INSIDE MY BATHROOM. AETER EILLING IT WITH WARM WATER, I ENTERED THE BATHTUB WITH MY BODY SQUEEZED INTO A "h" SHAPE (EETAL POSITION), WILLEULLY ENJOYING THE EEELING OF BEING SUBMERGED IN THE WATER, EVEN THOUGH IT S JUST MY CALVES AND THE PARTS BELOW MY WAIST. I JUST HAD TO DO THAT, EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THAT SUCH ACTIONS ARE SO FOOLISH THAT NO ONE SHOULD EVER SEE THEM. ALSO, I'M SURE THAT THE ANCIENT ROMANS OF TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO WOULD ALSO DO THE SAME THING IE THEY HAD LIVE IN SUCH AN INCONVENIENT PLACE LIKE WHERE I'M LIVING IN RIGHT NOW.

A SEWER USED DURING THE TIME OF ANCIENT ROME (ITALICA, SPAIN)



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